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SUBJECT: WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS: ELIAS ABI-NADER

1. REQUEST ACTION POSTS ASSISTANCE IN ASCERTAINING WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS OF AMERICAN CITIZEN ELIAS ABI-NADER, MIDDLE EAST MANAGER OF MASTER ENGINEERS CORPORATION OF PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA. MASTER'S VICE PRESIDENT MR. E.S. HAYNES CALLED DEPARTMENT TODAY TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN OVER LACK OF COMMUNICATION FROM MR. ABI-NADER, WHO IS UNDER STRICT INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTACT HIS OFFICE TWICE WEEKLY EITHER BY TELEPHONE OR BY TELEX. (MR. HAYNES IS FAMILIAR WITH COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES IN SAUDI ARABIA BUT FEELS PROLONGED SILENCE GIVES CAUSE FOR CONCERN.)

2. LAST CONTACT WITH ABI-NADER WAS AN OCTOBER 26 TELEX FROM DARIUS INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL IN TEHRAN, STATING THAT ABI-NADER WAS THEN RESIDING IN CONTINENTAL RPT CONTINENTAL HOTEL AND WOULD DEPART FOR JIDDA ON NOVEMBER 1 PROBABLY TO RESIDE IN KANDARA PALACE HOTEL. MASTER ENGINEERS HAS WITHIN THE LAST WEEK SENT THRETELEX'S TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THEIR AGENT IN JIDDA, MR. ESSAM DARWISH OF AL-RAGA INC.

(TELEPHONE 53911), AND ONE TELEX TO KANDARA PALACE, ALL WITH NO REPLY. MR. ABI-NADER WAS EXPECTED TO PROCEED TO RIYADH ON NOVEMBER 5. COMPANY FEELS THAT ABSENCE OF

CONTACT IS MOST UNUSUAL AND THAT MR. ABI-NADER'S KNOWLEDGME OF LANGUAGE AND AREA WOULD ENABLE HIM TO OVERCOME ANY TEMPORARY COMMUNICATION BARRIERS. CAN ACTION ADDRESSEES ASCERTAIN (1) WHETHER ABI-NADER DID DEPART TEHRAN, AND (2) HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS? IF LOCATED, HE SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT HIS HEAD OFFICE.

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